GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EXPORT OF WOOLLEN TEXTILE FROM PUNJAB
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Punjab in total export of Indian woollen textiles both in perentage and value-wise for the last three years;

(b) whether the share of Punjab is declining over the years; and

(c) if so, he details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government to arrest the fall?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b): State-wise data for woollen exports is not maintained centrally. The overall exports of woollen items excluding carpets from the entire country, including Punjab, have shown a decline of 18% during the period April- December, 2001, over the corresponding period last year. The woollen exports for the last three years are as follows:-

(Rs. crore)

Item	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (Apr-Dec` 01)
Woollens (excluding carpets)	982.18	1665.84	1115.44

Source:DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) The Government has taken various steps to boost the export of textiles including woollen textiles. The steps include Technology Upgradation Fund scheme for modernization of the sector to boost its competitiveness in international trade, de-reservation of the garment sector, increase in limits of investment for small scale units in knitwear sector, the Integrated Apparel Parks scheme, the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme, development of new blends and products to meet greater overseas demands, creation of design bank by National Institute of Fashion Technology, rationalization of tariff structure on machinery and raw materials, etc.